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Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism Committee To Hear Testimony on Emerald Ash Borer

Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources to testify on affects of exotic insect

LANSING – The exotic insect known to have killed or damaged millions of ash trees in Southeast Michigan and Windsor, Ontario, will be the subject of the Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism hearing on Thursday, April 3.

“The Emerald Ash Borer affected numerous ash trees in Southeast Michigan last year,” Van Woerkom said. “The testimony from the Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources is critical to determining how this invasive species can be prevented from harming more ash trees in our state.”

The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources will testify before the committee to describe the affects of the Emerald Ash Borer on Michigan trees and provide information on preventing the spread of the exotic insect into more counties.

The Emerald Ash Borer was detected in Michigan in the summer of 2002. The Michigan Department of Agriculture has quarantined all ash trees and ash wood products, including firewood, in the following six Southeast Michigan counties: Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne.

The committee will be held in the Farnum Building, Room 110, at 9:00 AM. For more information on the hearing, please contact Senator Van Woerkom’s office at (866) 305-2134.

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